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To: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Fujioka", is written over the printed name of the Chief Executive Officer.

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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 20 (Eng), as amended on January 7, 2008, would appropriate \$145,000 to the Attorney General to contract with a nonprofit human relations organization to develop an approach for preventing and responding to intergroup tensions and conflicts within the State.

According to the author, surveys indicate that Californians consider intergroup relations a key issue for the State, and believe that relations among groups have progressively worsened. Additionally, the number of hate crimes reported by school and human relations commissions continues to increase; this includes racial and ethnic-based intergroup conflicts. Therefore, the State needs an assessment of the climate of intergroup relations throughout the State.

The Human Relations Commission recommends that the County support AB 20 because the bill is a critical step in proactively addressing unlawful discrimination and intergroup conflict by providing a needed Statewide assessment of race and human relations. The Human Relations Commission further notes AB 20 would assist the State in strategically assessing intergroup conflict and addressing the issue by establishing an Internet network to facilitate sharing of best practices.

Consistent with existing Board policy to support legislation that addresses and combats discrimination based on age, disability, gender identity, language, immigration status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics,

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and that seeks to reduce hate crimes, increase human relations education and training, and increase communities' capacity to address intergroup relations issues in a positive way, **our Sacramento advocates will support AB 20.**

AB 20 is supported by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, the Gay-Straight Alliance Network, the Stonewall Democratic Club-Sacramento, and the South Asian Network. There is no registered opposition.

AB 20 will be heard in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on January 15, 2008.

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